

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of plasma-nitriding maraging steel, wherein the maraging steel is a stainless maraging steel, and the plasma-nitriding of the stainless maraging steel is carried out at a temperature below 500°C.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming the stainless maraging steel into a shaver part before the plasma-nitriding is carried out.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with or consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 500°C.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 370°C and 380°C.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature of 375°C.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 500°C.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature between 370°C and 380°C.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature of 375°C.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming the stainless maraging steel into a cutting tool before the plasma-nitriding is carried out.